

GOV. JOSEPH W. FOLK'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS

"Aware of the Seriousness of the Duties That Await Me."

MISSOURI NOW ON TRIAL

Declares the Motto of the State Should Be the Guiding Star of Every Official Act.

Gov. Joseph W. Folk's inaugural address, as read in the general assembly, was as follows:

Senators and Representatives:

This is the third time I have stood upon this platform. The first was on a stormy winter's night early last year in the campaign for the general assembly; the second, in the dawn of a summer's morning in July, in accepting the nomination of my party; and now, for the purpose of taking the oath as governor of this great commonwealth, and to announce the principles and intentions that shall guide me. I have dedicated myself to the service of the people of this state, under the sanction of a solemn oath that shall be preserved sacred and inviolate. Profoundly impressed by the expression of the good and patriotic people of this state, and in the presence of these witnesses, to complete devotion to the welfare of the people of Missouri, I am aware of the duties that await me, and conscious of my own weakness, I should shrink from the task. It were my fate to bear unaided the responsibilities that confront me, were I, however, to be sustained by the support and co-operation of wise and patriotic men, who represent the people in legislative halls, and the other departments of the state government, I am not exempt from discouragement. There are many considerations that brighten the outlook. There are many who are ready to join together in beneficial public labors. I know that in every effort for the public welfare, we shall have the moral support of the good and patriotic people of the state, regardless of party. All that is required of any of us, is that we give the public the best service that we can. More than this, no one can justly demand less than this, no one can rightfully ask.

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I believe in party organizations; in a popular form of government, such as ours, they are necessary, for it is through political parties that men come to an agreement on public policy, and to govern their principles. One man may be just as patriotic as another, yet they may differ on governmental questions. Political parties, to be of any use, must be servants of the public, not public matters.

When you come before the people to give an account of your stewardship, the account must be for public service, and not for party work. Your party nomination, you, the people elected you and sent you here to serve the people, and by that service you will reflect credit or discredit on your party. You are here as legislators, not as politicians, and the welfare of the state should be your first consideration. If the public weal should conflict with party advantage or personal ambition, the public good should prevail. Loyalty to Missouri is more important than subservience to any political organization. Nothing can justify one becoming a traitor to his state.

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BLONDES ARE DISLIKED.

Girl with Straw-Colored Hair Finds Securing an Office Position Difficult.

The young woman was of a perfect blonde type. Her hair was straw-colored. With an air of vexation she said to a writer for the Philadelphia Bulletin:

"Though I am an expert stenographer, I find it difficult, on account of my straw-colored hair, to get work. Men think that my hair is bleached, and they hesitate to employ a bleached blonde, for they know well that she who would bleach her hair to so conspicuous a hue as mine would have a soul too frivolous for sober typewriting and shorthand."

"When I was out of work last year I had to apply to six offices before I could get a place. Three of the men to whom I applied didn't test my ability in any way. They said lamely that they were sorry, but they preferred an older, more sedate person. Two men, after a brief talk, admitted that my work suited them, but had to admit also that their wives had peculiar views, and would object to my presence in their husbands' offices."

"The man who engaged me was a bachelor. He, too, was about to repulse me, when I broke out desperately with:

"Look here, I am not a bleached blonde. My hair is straw-colored naturally. If you object to it, I'll wear a brown wig during working hours."

"The man laughed and took me on. He has told me since, though, that he would not have taken me but for my frank outburst."

"Hair like mine is perhaps beautiful, but it is a serious drawback to an honest working girl."

BIRD LIGHTS STREET LAMP

Nesting Wren Pulls Chain Attached to Gas and Apparatus Flares Up Unexpectedly.

In a suburban town where the streets are lighted by gas lamps, a curious thing happened. A gentleman noticed that for several nights the gas was not lighted in front of his house and reported the matter to the gas company. The lamplighter who had the street in charge was sure that he had lighted it each night.

Later the gentleman noticed that the lamp was often lighted throughout the day and decided that some mischievous boy was responsible for it. Keeping a close watch for the offender, he was astonished to see the light flash up when not a soul was near it. He placed a ladder against the post and climbed up to investigate the matter. He found that the two chains which turned the light on and off moved so easily that the slightest touch was sufficient to send them up or down. But they could not move of their own weight nor by the wind. Still more puzzled, the man returned to his watch at a discreet distance and was soon rewarded by seeing a wren fly to the lamp, perch itself on the ring at the end of the chain, and give it a pull which lighted the gas. He then remembered that a wren had reared a brood in the lamp that year.

Eve's Temptation.

A botanical friend showed me not long since what he said was the apple that must have tempted Eve in what was surely a tropical fruit garden. It was a little bit of an oriental crab, about a third of an inch in diameter, and, of course, it was bitterly sour. My philosophizing friend pointed out that, of course, the fruits in Eden were the natural "wild" fruits, and he was wondering whether the fall of mankind would not have been accelerated if the attracting tree had been hung with a fair crop of the golden bellflower, or of the crimson-striped wealth or wine-sap!—Country Life in America.

Believes in Woman's Rights.

The empress of Russia is a strong believer in woman suffrage, women's clubs, the higher education of women and in her rights to enter any and all of the professions. She holds that almost all have been brought about by women, and that reforms of the world en, and that they are just becoming conscious of their power and possibilities. Under her imperial patronage societies for the development of women are growing numerous in St. Petersburg and even spreading through the jealously guarded realm of the czar.

Transferring the Responsibility.

"What was the cause of your barn burning down?" asked the drummer. "Spark from the railroad, stranger," drawled the farmer. "You used to blame it on the tramps."

Need of Revision.

The schoolboy who was to revise his opinions about those terrible Russian Cossacks—Washington Post.

Are You Looking Ahead?

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To the Homeseeker.

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To the Investor.

All over the Southwest, cities and towns are growing up, expanding, requiring more, demanding more, peopled by eager, pushing, wide-awake men, who are looking for the encouraging enterprises of every kind, the needful of getting more and better facilities, and more hands to develop the country. All over the Southwest, cities and towns are growing up, expanding, requiring more, demanding more, peopled by eager, pushing, wide-awake men, who are looking for the encouraging enterprises of every kind, the needful of getting more and better facilities, and more hands to develop the country.

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